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Statement of Water District Directors

The following is a summary of the receipts and expenditures of the Alameda County Water District up to September 20, 1915:

Receipts.	
Loans	\$9,000.00
Tax Fund, 1914-15	6,265.15
Disbursements.	
Water Supply Investigation	\$11,263.71
Legal Expense	756.00
Administration	201.84
Loans and Interest 2,272.47	14,494.02
Cash on Hand	\$ 771.13
CHRIS RUNCHEL,	
Secretary.	

A Brief Statement With Reference to the Figures Presented.

LOANS.

Of the loans, \$3000, incurred prior to the actual organization of the District for expense in organizing and carrying on the water supply investigation is being carried by the Directors on their own joint note to the Bank of Centerville. The data gathered during this period is extremely valuable. In other words, the directors have assumed the obligations incurred by the Water Committee and have taken over their data. The other \$6000 stands in the name of the District and will be paid out of the coming year's tax fund. This money was borrowed to make the water supply investigation thorough and have it completed in time for the trial of the injunction suit. The present delay is caused by the Spring Valley Water Co.

Water Supply Investigation.

The expense of this investigation has exceeded the estimate. The entire fight for the water rights of the District must stand or fall on this part of the work. If the cost has been more than was expected, it is because the directors felt that the utmost care should be exercised to make the data gathered reliable and effective. Millions of dollars are at stake in this suit and false economy in saving a few thousand dollars might lose our

Fords are so cheap now days that it hardly pays to wear out shoe leather walking. Rose Bros. at Niles sell them Advt.

County Exhibit Being Enlarged

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 24.—Alameda County's fresh fruit and vegetable section in the California Building at the Panama Pacific International Exposition is being enlarged daily through the contributions of Alameda County orchardists and vegetable growers. The contributors are given recognition through the means of cards bearing the name of the article, the place grown and the contributor. This week the fresh fruit and vegetable section contains quinces, several varieties of grapes, apples, peaches, pears, pumpkins, squash, cucumbers, beets and sweet corn, potatoes, tomatoes, cantaloupes, onions, artichokes, cabbage, carrots. This collection, however, is small in comparison with the exhibits of Alameda County in the Palaces of Horticulture and Agriculture.

The county representatives are taking the names of all prospective investors and later a large quantity of literature bearing on the merits of Alameda county as an investment, will be forwarded to the home of the inquirer. The great majority of men and women who are seeking information in regard to Alameda county at the present time are the farmers of the South and the Middle West. Ohio, Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska seem to have a great representation at the Exposition as do the states of Louisiana, Texas, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Virginia. In these states the farmers have harvested their crops and are now taking their vacations. It is only reasonable to believe that many of the future settlers of California will come from these states as it is known that the Southern and Middle Western farmer always dreams of a home in California where the climate is equitable and the country beautiful.

The new show opening next Sunday will be headed by a dramatic one act playlet entitled "On the Yukon" which is called "The Spoilers of Vaudeville." There is an abundance of thrilling action during the thirty minutes that the production is on the boards, including a fight which is a masterpiece of stage realism. "The Birthday Party," with ten silver juvenile performers, and Spencer and Williams, a classy twain, are the added features of the eight act show.

whole case. "Safety first" in getting at the facts has been the motto of the District. They have tried to keep in mind that the main object of the District is to save our water supply. As the Engineer's work is the vital part of the case, the District has first endeavored to secure the most competent engineer possible and has endeavored to give him the kind of assistance and the amount of support that will make his work effective. It will have to stand the severest of tests in court and must therefore cover the whole problem accurately and comprehensively. The heavy rains in May and the advent of the Spring Valley in the field since the San Francisco election and the filing of our injunction suit last April, have made it necessary for the District to continue its work in the field. Compared with other investigations of this kind and considering the great value of the water rights at stake, we do not consider the money spent excessive.

As the main part of the expense has already been met, another year's tax after this year should clear up the District's indebtedness.

Legal Expense.

The District has been very fortunate in the selection of its attorney. In every contest so far he has won a victory for the District. Of the money already paid part has been for his work in securing the organization of the District and protecting it on appeal if necessary to the Supreme Court. Part is a payment on the fee for the main suit. The fee for this suit is considered by the directors as extremely reasonable.

Administration.

The \$201.84 includes fifteen months' salary for the Secretary-Auditor, at \$10 a month. Considering the fact that the District is the first of its kind in the State and that it has involved a great amount of exacting work the services of the Secretary have practically been a gift to the District.

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gate the merits of the Central Tourists Association to which association Niles is paying monthly dues and from whom it is claimed, is deriving no benefit. This action was taken in view of the fact that San Francisco has repudiated the work of the association.

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Frank Mello, who for the past 29 years has been a resident of Decoto, died Monday, succumbing to an attack of pneumonia. He had been sick but a few days. The funeral was held Wednesday morning, mass being held in Corpus Christi church at Niles. Father Teal officiated. Interment in the Catholic cemetery at Centerville.

Many beautiful floral offerings attested the respect in which the deceased was held. The employees of the California Brick Co. sent a very handsome floral piece and the Southern Pacific section crew No. 4 of Decoto with which he had been an employee for twenty-six years, remembered their old comrade with a very beautiful token. Two years ago Mr. Mello was awarded his pension by the railroad company. Decoto Council No. 61 U. P. E. C. and Conselho Ant George No. 13 of the R. A. B. A. M. I. of San Leandro in which he held membership, also sent beautiful floral pieces.

Deceased was a native of St. Michaels, Azores, and was 63 years of age. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mary Mello, two daughters, Mrs. Mary Goularte and Mrs. Minnie Duarte, and three sons, Frank, John and Manuel. The large funeral bespoke the high esteem in which he was held by his neighbors. Mr. Mello was always a hard working man, a good citizen and a devoted husband and parent.

Watchman Fires as Suspects Flee

Becoming suspicious of the actions of several strangers on Front street Tuesday night, Night Watchman Drennen and Ed. Rose started an investigation of a pile of ties near the railroad track.

Upon their approach, two men jumped from behind the ties and started away in the darkness. When ordered to halt, the men began to run and a shot in the air only served to accelerate their speed. Drennen and Rose then emptied their guns at the fleeing men, but apparently without effect for they outdistanced their pursuers and disappeared in the darkness.

A search of their former hiding place resulted in the finding of an electric flash light and an old hat.

The night watchman believes that the men were planning to rob some of the local stores and were only waiting until the streets should become deserted.

C. of C. Holds Regular Meeting

FORMER DEMAND FOR STATEMENT NOT GRANTED

The attendance at the regular meeting of the Niles Chamber of Commerce last Tuesday evening was exceptionally large, occasioned no doubt by the attempt previously made by the champions of Spring Valley to swing the Chamber behind the recall fight instigated by the above corporation.

Although those interested in the recall had promised to go further into the matter at this meeting and had particularly requested a large attendance, not a word was heard from them. Evidently the "handwriting on the wall" was too plain that even if they succeeded in their designs, they would only succeed in subjecting the delegates from Niles to the Associated Chambers of Commerce to the ridicule of the entire Township.

On account of the presence of Mr. Fish of the Union Gas Co. whose plans are given in another column, the large gathering of citizens was very opportune and as not a single person left the room until the close of the meeting at a late hour, it is needless to say that all were interested.

The meeting was called to order by President Sneden and after the reading of the minutes the various committees reported.

The folder committee reported that a creditable folder could be prepared at an expense of not more than \$75.00 for the first 5000 and \$8.00 for subsequent thousands, including the cost of making halftones, showing scenes in and around Niles. The matter was taken under advisement.

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Newark Center Meets Monday.

The regular monthly meeting of the Newark Center of the Farm Bureau will be held on Monday evening, September 27th, at the Newark Amusement Company's pavilion. There will be a lecture on "Dairy Cattle" illustrated by slides, and the lecture will be followed by a general social time including a dance. Some fifty people attended the meeting a month ago and had an excellent time. Even a larger attendance is expected at this meeting.

WHICH SIDE DO YOU PREFER ? THE PEOPLE OF WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP.

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PATRIOTISM

Men like Patterson, Shinn, Stevenson, George, Trenouth.

A temporary and trifling tax rate.

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Recall Petition Not Filed Yet

NOW NECESSARY TO CALL SPECIAL ELECTION

The recall petition against Water District Directors Patterson, Shinn and Stevenson was not filed last week as expected and it will not be possible now to have the recall election on October 26. If the Spring Valley Co. wants to force the recall election it will be necessary for the Board of Supervisors to call a special election later.

Whether or not Will Jefferis will care to force the issue in behalf of the Spring Valley remains yet to be seen.

The ease and rapidity with which withdrawals from the petition were secured when the Spring Valley trick became apparent was a pretty severe jolt to the recallers. They saw the labor of weeks spoiled in a few hours and they heard some pretty plain talk from the people whom they were trying to dupe.

If the signers of the petition are allowed to withdraw their names by the District Attorney's office, the recallers will never secure the necessary number of signatures. If the names must stay on the petition and the election called in spite of the now known wishes of the people then the recallers will find themselves up against the hardest campaign this township has ever witnessed. The only hope the recallers have in case of a recall is the Spring Valley sack. Even that is not apt to swing votes enough where the homes of the people are at stake.

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With felony charges staring them in the face, and the scorn of their neighbors heaped upon them, the men who helped Will Jefferis do the Spring Valley's dirty work are not looking with much pleasure upon their recent experience.

The people are now awake to the true situation.

In the meantime it is to be hoped that the injunction suit can be hurried to trial.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish through The Press to express our sincere appreciation of the many acts of kindness and words of sympathy during our recent bereavement. We particularly wish to thank the employees of the California Brick Co. and the Railroad section men and the various lodges for their messages of sympathy.

MRS. MARY MELLO.
MRS. MARY GOULARTE
MRS. MINNIE DUARTE
JOHN MELLO
FRANK MELLO
MANUEL MELLO.

Parent-Teachers Meeting Oct. 7th

The parents, friends and teachers of our school are planning another delightful evening for Thursday, Oct. 7.

The teachers will receive all friends of the school.

Dr. Burr, our Niles dentist, will give a talk upon "The Care of the Teeth," also upon "Children's Skin Diseases."

Mr. La Grove will sing and perhaps others.

The girls of the eighth grade are going to help the mothers in serving refreshments.

So a pleasant evening is being planned and you are cordially invited to be present. Come if you are a friend of the boys and girls and their teachers.

WHICH SIDE DO YOU PREFER ?
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A Surrender of Your Water Supply

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Men like Jefferis, Barnard, Frank Mattos, Margarido, Crothers.

Loss of millions of dollars in property values.

Misrepresentation, chicanery and robbery.

Decay and Desolation.

Niles May Soon Be Served With Gas

If plans which are now under way are brought to a successful culmination, Niles will soon be the possessor of a Gas Works, owned and operated co-operatively by the citizens and serving gas to all those who desire it at a cost of not more than 60 cents per thousand feet of gas consumed.

Mr. Geo. L. Fish of the Union Gas Co. spent the major part of last week in Niles and after thoroughly investigating the possibilities here, appeared before the Chamber of Commerce last Tuesday night and made a proposition to the citizens of this community which at least deserves careful consideration.

Mr. Fish, on behalf of his company, offered to install a gas making plant in Niles at the expense of his company and to lay mains in the alleys of the town and to run service pipes from these mains to the houses of property owners who might desire to use gas.

The total cost to each property owner desiring such service would be about \$27.50 for those owning 25 foot lots; owners of 50 foot lots would pay in the neighborhood of \$40.00 for the service.

This preliminary payment would not only give them a permanent membership in the Gas Association but would make them actual owners of the service pipes and mains.

With the mains and service pipes installed Mr. Fish proposes to put gas into the homes of the members of the Association at a cost to them of not more than 60 cents per thousand feet.

Sixty cents per thousand feet is an exceptionally low rate. San Francisco citizens pay 85c per thousand feet for gas and in other California cities the rate runs as high as \$2.00 per thousand feet.

Of course the Union Gas Co. expects to be reimbursed for the expense of installing a plant here and their reimbursement will come partially out of the payment of \$27.50 or \$40 when the service pipes are installed and partially by a royalty of 10¢ which they charge the Association for every thousand feet of gas consumed.

However this royalty of 10¢ is provided for in the estimated cost of producing the gas and the company is willing to bond themselves that the cost

of at least no harm can come from looking into the proposition and a great deal of good may result.

Farm Bureau Meets Wednesday

The Niles Center Farm Bureau meeting will be held Wednesday evening, September 28th, at which meeting a discussion of the use of lime on land will take place, and also a discussion as to the sources of lime open to Farm Bureau members.

The Farm Bureau movement is progressing and farmers are finding more and more use for their organization.

At the invitation of the Pleasanton Farm Bureau Center, the directors of the Alameda County Farm Bureau will hold their regular monthly meeting at Pleasanton today.

The meeting will take the form of an automobile excursion about the Livermore valley, and a luncheon at Pleasanton. It will give the directors from this side of the county an opportunity to see what the Pleasanton and Livermore centers are accomplishing, and will be a sort of get-together

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A SLAP AT THE FARMERS.

The direct slap at the farmers of this valley by J. B. Barnard in his article last week is one of the most amazing things we have read for a long time.

This district is an agricultural section. Farmers comprise the bulk of its population. To openly insult the farmers comes with mighty poor grace from a man who himself has always been willing to profit by their patronage. It is bad enough to help to try to rob them of the most valuable possession they have but to openly insult them on top of it is truly adding insult to injury. Mr. Barnard does not represent the sentiment of the broad minded business man when he tries to prejudice the fight of the farmers of this valley by such silly and baseless assertions.

Mr. Barnard has hurled a boomerang.

LITIGATION.

The recall petition fostered by the Spring Valley Water Co. through Will Jefferis asks the recall of the three directors because of the cost of litigation. Of course the Spring Valley doesn't want the lawsuit pressed. It would much rather see it chloroformed. But how else are the people of this valley to protect their rights if they do not go to the courts?

They know that the Spring Valley is preparing to take the water out of their wells. They know that in all the Spring Valley rot that the Township Register has peddled this summer that it has not advanced a single remedy to safeguard the rights of the people. The Spring Valley Co. has never authorized any recognition of our people's rights. It has claimed in its published reports and in the hearings at Washington that it intends to use all the flood waters at Alameda Creek. It has never in all its reports made one mention of taking care of the underground waters of the Niles Cone. It hopes to unload upon San Francisco in the near future. It is perfectly willing to let San Francisco settle with us. San Francisco, if Ralph is elected mayor, will again be asked to buy. And Mayor Ralph does not recognize our claims any more than the Spring Valley does.

With the loss of their underground water supply staring them in the face, with their knowledge of the Spring Valley's past record as a water grabber, our people realized that they must fight when they organized the Water District. The present directors were told to fight. In order to fight they must have effective weapons. For two years now they have been preparing the weapons. And now that all other efforts to disarm the people of this district have failed it is trying to create dissension and destroy the weapons that it fears. We don't believe for a minute that it will succeed.

Of course it will cost infinitely more to surrender our water rights forever.

INSINCERITY SHOWN.

The absolute insincerity of the charges of selling riparian water rights made against the Water District directors whom the Spring Valley is seeking to get out of its way is shown in the selection of the men whom it wishes recalled. In the first place neither Mr. Stevenson nor Mr. Shinn themselves ever sold any riparian rights to the Spring Valley Water Co. The last riparian rights acquired from the Shinn property were acquired through a suit filed by the Spring Valley Water Co. against Mr. Shinn's father and was as strongly opposed as possible by Mr. Shinn himself. The Spring Valley Water Co. was awarded the riparian rights by Judge Ogden on the contention that the greater necessity of the city required it. The damages were fixed by a jury. In this plainly the Spring Valley was the aggressor. In the first sale of riparian rights by Mr. Shinn's father was made only after his own lawyers had advised the sale, not believing that a successful legal resistance could be made. The threat of condemnation was held over the head of all who resisted selling in those days and the advice of Mr. Shinn's lawyers and the later decision of Judge Ogden seems to bear out the successful working of this club. An effort at that time to bring in the value of the percolating water as bearing on the controversy was ruled out by Judge Ogden. The rank injustice that is done Mr. Shinn in this matter is however in line with the whole campaign of misrepresentation fostered by the Spring Valley through its stool pigeon, Mr. Jefferis.

When compelled to face the fact that neither of these two men, Mr. Stevenson nor Mr. Shinn, sold any rights themselves, the recallers come back with the cry "the sons should abide by the action of their fathers" even though that action was forced upon them by the big corporations.

But none of these arguments will apply to Director Patterson. His father did not sell any water rights to the Spring Valley Water Co. in this Township. More than that the Patterson estate is about the only owner of any considerable territory in the hills back of Livermore that has never sold out to the Spring Valley Water Co. Then why does the Spring Valley want to recall Mr. Patterson? We will furnish the answer. Mr. Patterson is too game a fighter to suit the Spring Valley. He is able, knows how and is helping to crowd the fight too uncomfortably close.

The truth of the whole situation is that our district is too well organized, too well prepared and means business. That is why the Spring Valley is asking our people to withdraw the three directors.

KNAVERY'S CLOAK.

The cry of Mr. Jefferis to save the taxpayers' money is only a cheap trick to fool them out of something much more valuable. It is the same old Spring Valley game.

The fact remains, however, that the tax in the water district for the coming year has already been fixed in spite of the Spring Valley's effort to block it. The only question now is shall the pur-

pose for which it was collected be blocked?

As chief boodle dispenser for the Spring Valley's recall petition his pretence to save the taxpayers' money is surely very crude.

Mr. Jefferis has come into our midst temporarily to flim flam the people of this district. When his present job is ended he will probably go back to San Francisco to help flim flam the people there some more with Spring Valley's moving pictures of a great water supply.

The past few weeks have revealed the true character of the hero in the little play, "Spring Valley's Recall." The big auto and the Spring Valley "simoleons" have "come across" too plainly. The climax of the play has been reached. The real villain has as usual exposed himself. It will soon be "Exit the Great Recaller," "Exit Taxpayers Crothers, Margarido and Mattos." Then the "Curtains."

It has been a most gratifying thing of late to find so many of the young men of the Township taking an open stand against the Spring Valley menace. They are sinking all political differences and standing shoulder to shoulder to protect this valley from ruin. They are putting to shame the Spring Valley hucksters who are willing to trade off the heritage of future generations for a few dirty Spring Valley dollars.

No people ever had greater cause to fight in defense of their homes than have the people of Washington Township. United they will win. If they allow the paid Spring Valley mischief makers to sow the seeds of dissension they will lose.

You have the word of Johnny Barnard and Will Jefferis that if you leave the Spring Valley have its way there will be plenty of water in your wells. Are you willing to accept their word for it? In a few years from now when your wells have gone dry will they be here to see that the water comes back again?

Of course you will have a lower tax rate in the future if you do not fight the Spring Valley Water Co. with a lawsuit. You will also have lower wells and a lower property valuation.

We have been asked why we let Will Jefferis fool the people into signing their own death warrant. If we didn't have to teach school for a living, if we had a fine big six cylinder automobile at our command with a chauffeur thrown in, if we had weeks of time and plenty of money at our disposal in which to travel over this Township and warn the people, maybe we might have prevented it. It isn't too late yet the undo the mischief.

Mr. Lawrence of the Spring Valley Water Company is authority for the statement that the Water District is uselessly spending money. That is the Spring Valley view point, of course. The same argument was used by the Tories in 1776. English gold in those days was a great temptation, too, but there were a few rebels who cared more for their country than they did for the British boodle.

The water fight is no longer Runkle's fight. We are mighty glad that so many people have come to realize that at last. Neither is it Shinn's, Patterson's and Stevenson's fight. It is the fight of the people of this valley against the Spring Valley Water Co. It is a bigger fight than any man or set of men. And every man and woman in this Township will have to help in the fight if this beautiful section is to be saved.

Miss Z. Whipple Dies at Decoto

The news of the death of Zady Whipple of Decoto which occurred last Tuesday evening came as a severe shock to her many friends living throughout the township and a host of them paid their last respects to the departed at the funeral Thursday.

Miss Whipple was born in Silver Lake, Pennsylvania, December, 25th 1825. She came to Decoto in the Summer of 1861 to be with her brother John C. Whipple hence she has been a resident of Decoto for 54 years.

The deceased is survived by a brother Job Whipple of Genisco, New York, by Rufus and Elenor Whipple of Decoto and by Gardner Whipple of Canby, Ore. and Edwin Whipple of Berkeley.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH NILES.

September, 26 1915.
10 a.m. Sunday School, Special Rally Day Exercises.

11 a.m. Preaching Service. The Return of Jesus to Nazareth.

7:45 p.m. Talk on Amos and His Message.

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE FARM BUREAU MEETINGS

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S. P. TIME TABLE

ARRIVES FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

No. 210—For Tracy, Stockton and Sacramento.....	2:36 a. m.
No. 500—For Centerville, Newark and San Jose	4:45 a. m.
No. 90—For San Jose and Way Stations, via Irvington	8:15 a. m.
No. 82—For Pleasanton and Livermore and Tracey	8:40 a. m.
No. 32—For Pleasanton, Livermore and Tracey	10:25 a. m.
No. 504—For Centerville, Newark and San Jose	2:36 p. m.
No. 90—For San Jose and Way Stations, via Irvington	2:45 p. m.
No. 38—For Pleasanton, Livermore, Tracey and Stockton	5:15 p. m.
No. 96—For San Jose and Way Stations, via Irvington	6:05 p. m.
No. 80—For Tracy and Stockton	6:12 p. m.
No. 182—For Tracy	6:49 p. m.
No. 98—For San Jose and Way Stations, via Irvington	7:58 p. m.
No. 184—For Stockton (Sunday only)	9:09 p. m.

ARRIVES IN NILES FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

No. 89—San Francisco and Way Stations	5:45 a. m.
No. 93—San Francisco and Way Stations	6:58 a. m.
No. 91—San Francisco and Way Stations	7:48 a. m.
No. 79—For San Francisco. Stops at First and Broadway only.....	8:51 a. m.
No. 181—Decoto, Hayward, San Leandro, Oakland, San Francisco.....	1:30 p. m.
No. 31—San Francisco and Way Stations.....	2:50 p. m.
No. 97—San Francisco and Way Stations.....	4:23 p. m.
No. 37—Fruitvale, Oakland and San Francisco	6:15 p. m.
No. 51—Fruitvale, Oakland and San Francisco	8:49 p. m.
No. 189—From San Jose to Niles.....	6:05 p. m.
No. 190—From Niles to Livermore	6:17 p. m.
No. 513—From Niles to Centerville and Newark.....	6:52 a. m.
No. 503—From Niles to Redwood, via Dumbarton.....	1:40 p. m.

Events of the Coming Week

TODAY — Football: Washington High School vs Stockton High at Centerville. "Tennessee's Pardner" at Alvarado. Auspices Alvarado Rebekahs. Motion pictures at the Bell Theatre.

SUNDAY SEPT. 27 Base Ball Essanay Indians vs Telegraphs at Sullivan Park at 2:30 p. m. Billy Richie at the Bell Theatre.

MONDAY Sept. 27 Farm Bureau meeting at Newark. The Black Box at the Bell Theatre.

TUESDAY SEPT. 28 "Sampson" at the Bell Theatre

WEDNESDAY SEPT. 29 Trinity Guild meets. Niles Farm Bureau meets. Essanay Features at the Bell Theatre.

THURSDAY SEPT. 30 The Master Key at the Bell.

FRIDAY Oct. 1 Frohman and Billy Burke in a big feature at the Bell.

Black Box at Bell

Monday afternoon, the Black Box series of pictures will be shown at the Bell Theatre and the management of the theatre will make no charge for school children on this one afternoon as he is anxious that the youngsters shall become acquainted with his splendid series.

Each Monday in the future will see one of this remarkable series brought to Niles. Watch this paper for an important announcement about the picture.

Legal Notices

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Alameda County, California, Oakland, September 20, 1915.

Sealed bids will be received by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Alameda County, at his office, until 10 o'clock a. m., on Monday, October 11th, 1915. (the day when said bids will be opened and the contract awarded) for the Placing of an asphaltic mastic or alternate surfacing on the long bridge over Calaveras Creek, on County Roads Nos. 819 and 398 in Pleasanton and Washington Road Districts, Pleasanton and Washington Townships, Alameda County, California.

Specifications for this work are on file in the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, to which bidders are referred.

Each bid must be accompanied by a check for at least ten per cent. of the amount of the bid or proposal, certified to by some responsible bank, and made payable to GEO. E. GROSS, Clerk of the Board, to be forfeited to the County of Alameda as agreed and liquidated damages should the party or parties to whom the contract shall be awarded fail to enter into the contract after the award or to give the bond required by the Board for the faithful performance of the Contract.

The Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any or all bids or proposals.

(SEAL) GEO. E. GROSS. Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Alameda. Dated September 20, 1915.

CERTIFICATE OF FICTITIOUS PARTNERSHIP NAME.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That we the undersigned, do hereby certify that we are transacting business in the State of California, to wit; a Partnership, under a fictitious name or designation, which does not show the names of the persons interested as such partners in such business;

That said business is being transacted in the Town of Irvington, County of Alameda, State of California, under the firm name and style of Leal & Co., and the particular place where said business is being transacted is situated on the North Side of Mission Street, and about 200 feet east of the intersection thereof, with the Easterly line of the Oakland and San Jose County Road, in said Town of Irvington, County of Alameda, State of California;

That the names in full of all members of said partnership are as follows, Frank A. Leal, whose residence

is Irvington, Alameda County, California; Joseph H. Leal, whose residence is Irvington, Alameda County, California.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF We have hereunto set our hands and Seals this 18 day of August 1915.

(SEAL) FRANK A. LEAL,
(SEAL) JOSEPH H. LEAL
State of California } ss.
County of Alameda }

On this 18th day of August in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifteen, before me Thos. J. Power, a Notary Public in and for the County of Alameda, State of California, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared Frank A. Leal and Joseph H. Leal, known to me to be the persons described in and whose names are subscribed to the within instrument, and they acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal the day and year in this certificate first above written.

(SEAL) THOS. J. POWER,
Notary Public in and for the County of Alameda, State of California.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Alameda.

In the matter of the estate of JOAQUIN R. MARTIN, deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned administrator of the estate of the above named deceased to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, also claims for funeral expenses and expenses of last illness of said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers within four (4) months after the first publication of this notice to the said administrator at the law office of Jno. G. Mattox Jr., at Centerville, Alameda county, which said office the undersigned selects as his place of business in all matters connected with said estate of Joaquin R. Martin, deceased.

JOAQUIN R. MARTIN, Jr., Administrator of the Estate of Joaquin R. Martin, Deceased.

Dated September 1, 1915.

Jno. G. Mattox, Jr., Attorney for Administrator, Centerville, Cal.

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SOUTHERN PACIFIC

The News Throughout the Township

Centerville

Mrs. Perry and family of Oakland spent Sunday with Manuel Oliveira's family. Mr. Perry is secretary of the Baker's Union at Oakland.

Mrs. Mary Enos and the Misses Amella and Mary Sylvia of Providence, R. I., spent Sunday with Mrs. Matilda Oliveira.

Chas. Silva Jr. has returned from a ten days visit at Gilroy Hot Springs.

Work has been started on the Lernhart, Hansen, Dusterberry, Mattos Building.

Miss Minnie Lazerio of San Francisco is the guest of the week of the Misses Adeline and Ida Rogers.

Miss Genevieve M. Gleason of San Francisco is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Mowry.

Those living in the neighborhood of Dr. Du Bois Eaton gathered on his lawn last Wednesday night for a midnight supper. After partaking of the moonlight repast the merrymakers adjourned to the Mowry home where the remainder of the night was spent in dancing.

Mrs. J. W. Hardiman and three children of Idaho were among those present.

On Wednesday, Sept. 29 the San Jose team will again be the guests of the local ruggers. The game will take place at 3 p. m. Mr. Case will have charge of the San Jose boys, and this fact should insure an interesting game, for Mr. Case is a live wire. The San Jose boys will be conveyed here by auto.

Quite a crowd attended the monthly meeting of Centerville Center of the Farm Bureau last night and enjoyed the illustrated lecture, "Dairy Cattle," as delivered by the Advisor.

Slowly but surely the farmers of this vicinity are realizing what the Bureau means to them and are taking interest in it.

Clarence Salz is in the German hospital in San Francisco where he is undergoing treatment for an injury to the sciatic nerve.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 25

Washington—Stockton at Centerville.

Sept. 29

Washington—San Jose at Centerville.

Oct. 2

Washington—Richmond at Centerville.

Oct. 9

Washington—Livermore at Centerville.

Oct. 16

Washington—Hayward at Centerville.

Oct. 23

Any tie game.

Oct. 30

Championship.

Washington High News

The seniors are anxiously awaiting the arrival of their class pins, ordered two weeks ago.

Blacow will be unable to play in Sunday's game at Stockton due to an injured shoulder. His place will be taken by Snow.

The freshman girls have organized a basketball team and will probably play games with the different grammar school teams in the township. Miss Marcella Van Dervoort was elected captain.

The boys all report an enjoyable trip to Palo Alto last Saturday. On the return trip one of the machines was slightly damaged in an accident but no one was hurt, although Mr. Wright has been complaining of sore ribs all week.

The football team is diligently training for next Saturday's contest with Stockton high school. The game will take place at Stockton. Tickets have been issued by the management and a banner attendance is expected. Be one of the crowd and help the boys along.

The girls started basketball practice Monday and from the reports of the captain and the coach, they will have a strong team. About fifteen reported for first practice and this average will probably keep up during the rest of the season. Miss Spencer is again coaching the team. Miss Dorothy Smith is captain and Miss Eva Stealey is manager. The girls anticipate a successful season.

PALO ALTO DEFEATS WASHINGTON AT STANFORD

On Saturday last the rugby football team from Washington high school journeyed to Palo Alto to play the high school team of that place and were beaten by the score of 6 to 3. The game was played on the Stanford turf and was very fast and interesting throughout.

In the first half Washington held the lead by a 3 to 0 score but were unable to keep their advantage in the second half. Palo Alto scored twice right off the reel, and although Washington threatened to score several times, the necessary spurt was lacking. The final score remained 6 to 3.

WASHINGTON TEAM DEFEATS SAN JOSE HIGH SCHOOL

On Wednesday the San Jose high school team came to Centerville to play the local Washington high school.

Washington won by a score of 14 to 0.

The game was hard fought throughout. The ball was in the ruck most of the time and the backs had little opportunity to extend themselves.

The locals were considerably outweighed, but played a faster game than their heavier opponents. The game was a rather poor exhibition of rugby, fouls being quite frequent.

Mr. Case, formerly of Washington high, had charge of the San Jose boys.

Niles

Mrs. M. E. Conners has returned from an extended visit in the East.

Mrs. Gibson, formerly of Niles was a visitor here Thursday.

Miss Pearl Fulton visited relatives in the city Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Easterday have left on a few weeks vacation.

Mrs. Simpson spent the week end in San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Alberg and baby daughter are expected home today.

Mrs. J. B. Overacker is the proud possessor of a Ford.

Mrs. Chas. Fournier is entertaining visitors from Sutter Creek.

Mrs. A. L. Kelly paid a visit to Livermore this week.

Mrs. Deal of Los Gatos is visiting this week with Mrs. P. A. Ellis.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tyson spent the week end at Broodmoor.

Mrs. G. E. Chittenden returned home Tuesday evening from Petaluma where she visited for a week.

Mrs. Owens of Montecito has been a guest for the week at the home of her sister, Mrs. Baldwin.

The Trinity Guild will hold its next meeting in the Guild hall. Mrs. Mayhew will be hostess.

Mrs. Birdie Tucker and sister Mable of Sutter Creek are visiting with Mrs. C. E. Fournier.

Frank Clarke of Oleta is visiting his sisters Mrs. C. E. Fournier and Mrs. W. E. Phillips.

Tom Sullivan's new house on second street next to Judge R. V. Richmond's home is nearing completion. C. E. Fournier has the contract.

Mrs. P. A. Ellis and son Austin and family returned home from Santa Cruz the fore part of the week.

Several new books were placed on the shelves of the library this week. Plans are under way for enlarging the library at an early date.

Mrs. Nelson made a flying trip to S. F. Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tyson are on their weekly visit to San Francisco.

The regular weekly meeting of Trinity Guild was held Wednesday with Mrs. Fetterman as hostess. The meeting was well attended although nothing but routine business was scheduled.

A party composed of H. J. Craft, Jack Walpert, Joe Silva and Judge Richmond motored to the Spring Valley dam Tuesday and looked over the project. A delightful time was enjoyed by all.

Twenty seven members of the local Lodge of Women of Woodcraft journeyed to San Jose Tuesday evening where they presented Mrs. Williams with a silver cake knife as a token of appreciation for her services with the escort team.

Mrs. Caroline B. Brown of Lincoln, Nebraska, mother of Mrs. W. B. Kirk, who has been on a visit here for several weeks, received the sad news last week of the death of her brother, Isaac Bronson, at Sacramento. Mr. Bronson was on a visit to the coast, having come by way of Seattle. He was stricken with pneumonia and stopped over at Sacramento but succumbed after a few days illness. Mr. and Mrs. Kirk went to Sacramento Friday and the remains were sent to Lincoln, Nebraska, for interment.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Dignity of Del Rio, Texas, stopped over in Niles Sunday and called upon J. C. Shinn and family. They are out on a visit to the Exposition and Mr. Dignity made a special trip to Niles. Many years ago he was a customer of the Shinn's when they were in the nursery business. Mr. Dignity was impressed with the improvements Niles had made since his visit here over twenty-five years ago.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, and costs only a hundred dollars for any amount it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

Mrs. Creig of San Jose is visiting with Mrs. Cole for a few days.

Congressman J. A. Elston and Mrs. Elston and little daughter, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Patterson at Arden Sunday. Mrs. Elston and Mrs. Patterson were college chums at Berkeley.

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Irvington

Mrs. Lizzie Gautadine of Mission San Jose is visiting Mrs. Roderick for a few days.

Miss Nellie Beardsley has been entertaining friends this week.

Mrs. Rickel of Seattle spent Monday at the Griffin home.

Mrs. Al Hirsch was in San Jose Monday.

Mr. C. Runckle was in town Saturday, renewing old acquaintances.

Miss Emily Maderioes is home from San Jose on a visit.

Miss Scribner of Alvarado visited over the week end with Miss Cassie Christensen.

Mrs. Edwin Hirsch is entertaining relatives this week.

Miss Maria Babb is quite sick this week.

Mrs. Witherry and Miss Mildred Griffin motored to Hayward Monday.

Residents of Irvington are wondering why the visiting members of the Highway Commissions that convened in Oakland last week were brought through Irvington instead of Mission San Jose on their tour over the proposed route.

Cards are out for a luncheon to be given by Mrs. Cushin and Mrs. Sullivan of Irvington at Al Brae next Tuesday.

Alvarado

Mrs. J. M. Scribner who has been ill for some little time past is rapidly improving under the care of Dr. Emerson.

Mrs. L. C. Harvey has been on the sick list, but is reported much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Heitmuller are spending the week end with C. R. Nauert.

Quite a number of Alvarado people attended the funeral of Mrs. Behrman at San Leandro Cemetery this week. Mrs. Behrman was a resident of this section for over twenty years, and a

host of friends mourn her passing.

Mr. Devers has made a number of improvements on his hotel property here and is now prepared to take care of the automobile tourist trade.

Everett Richmond was in town last Thursday doing some work on several machines.

Mrs. E. A. Richmond and daughter spent Wednesday at the Exposition.

L. C. Swan, the Centerville optician, paid Alvarado a visit Tuesday and fitted a number of people here.

Mrs. Swan has decided to make weekly trips to this town and will have his offices in Ralph and Scribner's store.

Since locating in Centerville over two years ago Mr. Swan has fitted hundreds of people in this vicinity with satisfactory glasses and is deserving of the excellent trade which he has acquired.

The production of "Tennessee's Pardner" tonight is expected to draw a banner crowd as most of the participants are well known in the community and the play is being produced under the auspices of the Rebekahs.

Mr. Beebe who is directing the production of "Tennessee's Pardner" plans to open a dramatic school here in the near future.

Newark

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ruschin and children spent last week with Mrs. Thos. Powers in San Jose.

Mrs. Ed. Ingersoll left for her home in Keokuk, Iowa, last Wednesday after an extended visit here with relatives.

Mrs. E. Wallace spent a couple of days in S. F.

Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain motored to S. F. Tuesday

Mr. J. Masters is entertaining his nephew, Chas. Bans of Portland.

The Aitchinson family have returned to their home in Dos Cabezas, Arizona.

Mrs. Parse has been visiting with her sister in Hayward since Sunday.

Manuel Seimas is visiting with his brother Frank in Newark.

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BASE BALL

By EDWARD W. FRIES, Sporting Editor

The Essanay Indians will line up against the strong Telegraphs of S. F. next Sunday at Sullivan Park, Niles, in the first game played here since the big celebration of July 5th.

After playing nearly all of the best clubs from the other side of the bay and making a very creditable showing against their much stronger and more experienced opponents the Indians return home a better ball club than that has ever represented Niles.

During their many trips to foreign fields, while their wins are few, still it must be said that the local club has made a wonderful showing when one must take into consideration the fact that they have been playing on unfamiliar ground together with being forced to submit to the reverse end of the umpiring.

First of all of the cities to be visited by the Essanay Indians was Petaluma and the wise ones all agreed that the local boys would be fairly swamped. While Petaluma did manage to win from us, it was only after a pitchers duel between Benham (ate of the Frisco Sca's) and little Leo Sheehan, with one bad inning when only 1 ball was hit out of the infield and the Chickens scoring 5 tallies, costing Niles the game. It was admitted on all sides that Niles had the best club that had visited Petaluma up to that time.

Next in line was San Rafael with their line-up of mostly professionals and Niles had the game well in hand until the 7th when a costly error helped the San Rafael team to 3 runs and a hard fought victory. Here also the Indians showed to be a real ball club.

Several weeks later Niles played in Fruitvale and should have won this contest. Again two errors in the first inning proved Dolan's undoing, the Indians losing this game 4-2. All the runs of this contest were scored in the 1st inning and the remainder of this game developed into a grand pitching duel between Dolan and Sellman.

Niles next went to Sebastopol where it was predicted they would never be able to retire the Sebastopol batters. They are undoubtedly the best semi-pro club in this part of the country but stacking up against these odds the Indians went after them as if it was an every day occurrence and after a pitchers' battle between Dolan and Sellman.

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It is hoped that the local fans will turn out in goodly numbers to welcome their team and cheer out a victory over the Telegraphs. The line-up will be as follows:

Niles—Breslauer c, Dolan p, Robinson b, Perry 2b